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SUBJ: UN FORCES IN LEBANON

1. ON APRIL 7 QUAI UN DIRECTOR LECOMPT ASKED MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS OFFICER IF USG COULD USE ITS INFLUENCE IN FAVOR OF MORE COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN UNIFIL. HE SAID GOF IS WORRIED THAT FRENCH FORCES NOW REPRESENT ONE HALF OF UNIFIL AND PRESENT UN SECRETARIAT PLANNING WOULD BRING THIS DOWN EVENTUALLY TO ONE THIRD -- WHEREAS PARIS VERY MUCH HOPES THAT ITS PARTICIPATION COULD BE BROUGHT DOWN TO ONE QUARTER OF TOTAL UNIFIL CONTINGENT.

2. ACCORDING LECOMPT, MEXICO HAS TURNED DOWN UNSYG

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WALDHEIM'S INVITATION TO CONTRIBUTE TROOPS AND SYG HAS NO OTHER PLANS FOR LATIN AMERICAN PARTICIPATION. CANADIANS HAVE ALSO DECIDED NOT TO CONTRIBUTE TO LOGISTIC BASE OF UNIFIL BY SUPPLYING COMMUNICATIONS TRANSMISSION CAPABILITY; GOF CONSIDERS CANADA PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE IN THIS ROLE BECAUSE CANADIAN COMMO TECHNICIANS ARE BILINGUAL FRENCH-ENGLISH.

NIGERIA HAS NOT RESPONDED TO SYG INVITATION TO CONTRIBUTE TROOPS, ACCORDING LECOMPT.

3. POINTING OUT THAT USG IS PARTICULARLY INFLUENTIAL WITH CANADA, MEXICO AND NIGERIA, LECOMPT ASKED IF WASHINGTON COULD INTERVENE AS APPROPRIATE TO URGE WIDEST POSSIBLE SPREAD OF TROOP CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNIFIL.
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